

**TOWN OF BENTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2022**

PRESENT: Dwight James; Tom Davie; Rich Meyer, and; Dewey Haughman.

Also Present: Katie Swartele; Glenn Quackenbush, Town Councilman; Richard Harper, Town Councilman; Tom Fulkrod, Code Enforcement Officer, Crystal Tomion and Karen Ellis, Recording Secretary.

James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by introductions.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Davie made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 meeting. Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPLICATION #112AV-22 – Thomas Swartele of 453 Newlanders Cove would like to build a new house on the lot. They would like to move the cottage to the north .6 of a foot, 3 ft. west and 15 ft. south and east two feet.

James asked Swartele if they were going to go to the north a little bit or close the notch that is in there. Swartele said they would like to close it off. The setback on the west side would be 15 ft., but they have plenty of space. James said that we are looking at two variances: one towards the north and one towards the east. No correspondence was received from any neighbors.

Fulkrod noted that from where the current building is standing, they are only asking for six inches to the north. Going to the east from where everything lays out, they are asking for a 2 ft. variance closer to the lake. The way our zoning laws are written, they are supposed to be 55 ft. off the high-water mark and there is not a single cottage down there that is 55 ft. off it. That number is invalid. If you look at the other cottages down there, they are not asking to go any closer than any of the other cottages.

There being no other questions from the Board, James went through the test questions that the Board should answer.

Meyer made a motion to accept the application to grant the two variances. Haughman seconded the motion. The Board was polled:

James: Yes
Davie: Yes
Meyer: Yes
Haughman: Yes

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fulkrod went over four applications that would be on next month's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Davie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Ellis

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Recording Secretary